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## TRUMAN LEADS IN FIRST RETURNS

### DAKOTA CRASHES: 5 KILLED

Wiesbaden, Nov. 2.—Five people were believed killed and five seriously injured when a United States twin-engined Dakota, attempting to land in thick fog, crashed and burned out at the airport here tonight. The Dakota, which was believed to have been on a routine flight, carried ten people.

Observers at the airport said that the Dakota had been forced to circle above the base for more than two hours before it tried to land in the worst early winter fog that Western Germany has seen this year.

The pilot overshot the runway on his first attempt and circling for a second crashed about a mile away.

An official Air Force spokesman said tonight that some of the occupants of the Dakota were dead, though an unofficial source said that all the occupants were dead.

It is understood that the occupants consisted of three crew and three passengers, while some of the injured were people on the field.

The pilot is reported to have plunged the plane into the grounds as he misjudged his approach.—Reuter.

### Lidice "Beast" Captured

Hamburg, Nov. 2.—A former SS official, Kurt Lach, responsible for destroying Lidice, was arrested in Bremen last weekend, the police reported today.

Lach was living in Bremen under an assumed name and worked for a carpenter there.

According to the Bremen police, Lach was accused of being responsible for the complete destruction of Lidice and killing of all inhabitants as reprisal for the assassination of Heydrich.

Lach was taken to Rzespol internment camp near Bremen, where he will await trial.—United Press.

### Expecting A Child

Nice, France, Nov. 2.—Friends today reported that Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma, wife of former King Michael of Rumania, expects a baby some time in the spring.

The couple were married in Athens in June.—United Press.

### EDITORIAL

#### Flattering Franco

THE State Department, we are told, is much embarrassed by the activities of well-meaning people who are trying to force a change in American policy towards Spain. Well it might be. For these interferences are occurring in the worst possible way. The last thing the Governments of the Western democracies should desire is to be driven into courses which would strengthen Franco's hold on his country. Every decent-minded person wants to see an end made to the totalitarian regime in Spain which, inefficient and externally unattractive though it is, is the last serious remnant of Fascism in Europe. Most people, too, are anxious to see a democratic Spain readmitted to the Western comity of nations, and the peninsula form part, economically and strategically, of Western Union. The danger, and it is a serious one, is that defensive strategy against Russian aggression should be put first and a political wrong be done. The British Government at least must have no part in any "deal" with Franco, and it must do all in its power to counteract those American influences which, fascinated by logistics, do not realize that in a "cold war," as in a "hot" war, psychology matters too. It is safe to say that the withdrawal of the 1946 resolution of the Assembly and any sort of a military arrangement with Franco would have disastrous effects in Europe. It would give actuality to the Russian propaganda that the Western resistance to Communism is a revival of Fascism. Franco has long been a popular Russian propaganda symbol. It would seriously split the progressive forces in France, Britain, and the Dominions, and in the United States itself.

### Winning Popular Vote



Mr Truman, who in the Presidential election, is leading Mr Dewey in the nation's popular vote.

### Troops, Strikers In Pithead Battle

Paris, Nov. 2.—Troops using tear gas and rifles fought a pithead battle with striking miners at Lievin, northern France, today. Six Security Guards were injured by grenades and one by a steel missile.

Fighting began when troops tried to clear the pit and were checked by pickets and a massed group of strikers, the Ministry of the Interior, announced.

From a footbridge near the pit the strikers emptied tins of petrol on the troops and hurled grenades at them.

When the strikers tried to surround a Bren-gun carrier, the troops, after giving the regulation

warning, threw tear-gas bombs and fired blank machine-gun volleys. Later, they opened fire with their rifles, driving the strikers off. The men left no injured behind, a Ministry spokesman stated.

The spokesman added that the troops' commander had ordered his men to round up the pickets.

**PIT OCCUPIED**  
The French news agency reported that troops finally occupied the pit, arresting 20 strikers.

The miners left the pit headed by a red flag and singing. Several acts of sabotage were disclosed today as Government forces resumed clearing strike-bound pits after yesterday's 24-hour truce for All Saints Day.

Four coaches were overturned, but no one was injured, when a miners' train derailed Herin, north France, the French news agency reported.

At Fresno-sur-Arce, in the same region, an explosive damaged the railway station.

Between Augagne and La Barque, near Marseilles, another train was derailed, again without casualties, the French news agency said.

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour gave no indication of ending the nationwide coal strike now in its fifth week, but the Ministry of the Interior indicated today that it would "ensure full freedom of work in the numerous regions where a back-to-work movement was evident."

Police operations, the statement said, would not be halted until this objective was reached and all mines still held by the strikers were cleared.

Security police forces today took over more pits in the northern Pas de Calais area and at Clermont Ferrand in central France.

**STRIKE SITUATION**  
The strike situation in the French coal ports was stated officially tonight to be as follows:

Soldiers and dockers were at work together at Rouen and Bordeaux. Troops were working unaided at Le Havre, Nantes, St Nazaire and La Pallice, and dockers were working at practically full strength at Cherbourg.

Stevedores at Bordeaux stopped work this morning, but unloading continued at the airport of Biscarville, continued at the airport of Biscarville.

The Christian Workers' Trade Union, attacking the Government, increased set up by the Government, increased set up by the Government, increased set up by the Government.

### Exciting Race For The Presidency

### DEWEY LANDSLIDE FAILS TO MATERIALISE

New York, Nov. 2.—President Truman forged steadily ahead in both popular and indicated electoral votes up to 10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time as the American voters went to the polls to choose their next President. Latest United Press tabulations gave Mr Truman 2,247,365 votes as compared to 2,047,663 for his Republican opponent, Thomas Dewey.

J. Strom Thurmond, State's Right's candidate, had 204,876 and Henry Wallace 29,915.

Mr Truman led in 20 States with 252 potential electoral votes while Mr Dewey was ahead in 21 States with 230 potential electoral votes. Mr Thurmond led in three with 28 electoral votes.

The fact that either candidate led in any given State at that hour did not mean, however, that he had clinched its electoral votes.

By 9.30 p.m. EST most Americans had cast their ballots for the national administration that will guide their destiny in the fateful four years ahead. But only about 3,000,000 of an estimated total of 50,000,000 ballots had been counted. The returns were too scattered and fragmentary to point a conclusive trend toward either Mr Truman or Mr Dewey.

Many early returns were from industrial areas which had the facilities for tabulating the votes rapidly and which were friendly to President Truman. Later returns from the slower and more Republican-minded areas could overcome his early lead.

At 9 p.m. EST Mr Truman was ahead of his Republican rival in 17 States with 193 potential electoral votes. Mr Dewey was leading in 16 States, having 179 electoral votes. Then at 9.30 the President was ahead in 20 States and Mr Dewey in 17.

The rest of the Democratic ticket was also holding up well in the early returns, although there too most results were too sketchy to point the trend. The Democrats were leading at 9 p.m. EST in three States—Illinois, West Virginia and Oklahoma—where Republican-Senate seats were at stake. The Democrats need a net gain of four in 32 Senate contests to win control of the Senate. Eighty-six of the 372 House seats contested had been decided by nine p.m. EST. Sixty-eight of them went to the Democrats, mostly Southerners.

#### DEWEY'S HOME STATE

Mr Dewey's home State of New York in the 9.30 p.m. EST tabulation covering 104 of 9,061 districts showed the Republican candidate in front with 27,755 against 26,310 for Mr Truman. Those returns were from up-State New York and included industrial and usually Democratic Albany.

Mr Truman was a strong early runner in Illinois, where 688 of the State's 9,231 precincts gave him a 9

#### STOP PRESS

#### Nearly Million Votes Ahead

New York, Nov. 2.—The Presidential popular vote at 11 p.m. EST as tabulated by the United Press: Dewey 3,028,000, Truman 4,701,671, Wallace 153,943, Thurmond 343,280.

At that hour Dewey was leading in 10 States, having a potential 140 electoral votes. Truman in 20 States, with a potential 336 electoral votes, Thurmond in three States with 28 electoral votes.—United Press.

#### STILL GAINING

New York, Nov. 2.—The Presidential popular vote at midnight EST as tabulated by the United Press: Dewey 3,069,201, Truman 4,753,384, Wallace 325,897, Thurmond 470,213.

At that hour, Dewey was leading in 20 States, having 180 electoral votes. Truman in 25 States, with 323 electoral votes, Thurmond in three States with 28 electoral votes.

It is necessary to have 260 electoral votes to be elected.—United Press.

o'clock vote of 163,520 against 114,470 for Mr Dewey. But that lead was supplied largely by the flood of returns from Democratic Cook County.

The President was also out in front early on returns from the border States of Maryland and Kentucky, although in Kentucky Republican Senator John Sherman Cooper was running ahead of his Democratic rival, Vergil Chapman.

#### THE FIRST RETURNS

The first returns of the popular vote showed that at 7 p.m. EST Truman had polled 110,810, Dewey, 103,836, Thurmond 41,398 and Wallace 256.

Returns from five of Maryland's 1,328 precincts gave Dewey 703 votes and Truman 1,843, while the first 100 Chicago precincts returned 25,659 for Truman and 13,111 for Dewey. Mr Truman also led in early returns from 146 of Tennessee's 2,335 precincts polling 5,831 to 1,665. Wallace had been given 44 votes.

Thurmond had a substantial lead in 390 of South Carolina's 1,296 precincts, polling 35,947 to Truman's 10,732, and Wallace's 4,030.

At 7.30 p.m. Mr Truman had a popular vote of 308,131 to Mr Dewey's 231,182. Thurmond then had 59,227 and Wallace 2,416.

At that hour Dewey was leading in 11 States and Truman in 13. Twenty-five minutes later the popular vote had changed to Truman 427,846, Dewey 342,858, Thurmond 62,775 and Wallace 4,030.

Dewey was then leading in 12 States, with a potential 114 electoral votes, and Truman in 14 States with 179.

#### LEAD SEESAW

At 8.30 Mr Truman led Dewey in the popular vote by 111,384 votes and at 9 p.m. Truman had polled 657,005 to Dewey's 545,281, Thurmond's 94,574 and Wallace's 7,703.

Mr Truman, all but written out of the race by the pre-election polls, picked up a big block of votes from the south that shot him out in front in the early returns.

But Mr Dewey stayed close to him all the way, and a Republican spokesman formally claimed victory even before the polls closed in many States.

Through the early evening hours, the Presidential vote seesawed constantly, with Mr Truman clinging to the lead.

At 9.15, Mr Truman had passed the million mark in voting, being credited with 1,032,004 to Dewey's 893,385, Wallace's 12,892 and Thurmond's 139,600.

At that hour, Dewey was leading in 10 States, with a potential electoral vote of 182, and Truman was leading in 17 States with a potential electoral vote of 193.

President Truman carried the city of Hartford, the Democratic stronghold of Connecticut by 22,005. Four years ago the Democratic plurality was 25,330 and 22,425 four years before that.

#### DEWEY LISTENS IN

New York, Nov. 2.—Governor Thomas Dewey, with his wife, their two sons and his mother were in a 15th floor hotel suite tonight, receiving the election returns which will decide whether he is to be the next President of the United States.

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### Man Kills Husband And Wife

Saint Jouis, Michigan, Nov. 2.—The police today said the son of a prominent local family shot and killed a man and his wife because they sold property adjoining his to negroes.

Henry Burkhard confessed he fired three shots from a German 25 calibre Mauser automatic into Mr A. Stephens and one into Mrs Stephens in the living room of their home only one block away from the County jail.

The deputy sheriff, Andrew Novikoff, said Burkhard walked into the Stephens' home late today and demanded to know why the Stephens had sold the property next to his to negroes.

#### KILLED INSTANTLY

"I'll show you what I'm going to do about it," he quoted Burkhard as saying.

Burkhard fired three shots from his automatic at Stephens, killing him instantly. When Mrs Stephens screamed, he turned and shot her too.

Burkhard then walked one block to the County gaol and handed his gun to Sheriff Novikoff, saying, "I just shot two people."

The officer held him for investigation.—United Press.

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## WOMANSENSE

### When You're Tired Of Eating Meat—Try This

By Ida Bailey Allen

WE'RE growing a lot more vegetables now than we did 10 years ago. According to Dr. Clara Mae Taylor, Professor of Nutrition at Teachers' College, Columbia, speaking at the New York State Home Economics Convention, the production of kale has increased 290%, carrots 746% and other vegetables in comparable amounts. But in spite of this huge increase people still need to eat more vegetables.

She went on to say that the belief that animal protein is superior to vegetable protein is an unsound generalization. For certain of the vegetable proteins are comparable to meat; for instance soy beans and peanuts. All legumes contain varying amounts, and when they are supplemented by small amounts of milk, eggs or cheese in attractively made dishes, protein requirements are covered.

So don't be worried if your food budget won't stretch to buy as much meat as usual. We're going to give plenty of balanced meat-saving protein dishes in this column you'll like to cook, and that your family will like to eat.

#### DINNER

Chilled Pineapple Juice  
Veal Swiss Style Parslled Carrots  
Swiss Fried Potatoes  
Sliced Tomatoes  
Ice Cream with Molasses Crunch

Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea  
Milk (Children)  
All Measurements are Level  
Recipes Serve Four

#### Veal Swiss Style

Cut 1 lb. thin-sliced tender veal into small slices. Stir in 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. paprika and 1 tsp. flour. Fry rapidly in 1/3 c. butter or margarine, allowing about 2 min. Then remove the meat from the pan. Add 1 tsp. additional butter or margarine and 2 tsp. sliced scallions or minced onion. When brown add 1/2 c. brown sauce and 1/2 tsp. lemon juice. Bring to boiling point. Add the veal. Cover and simmer until tender, about 30 min. Serve with Swiss style potatoes.

To Pressure-Cook: Prepare the veal mixture as directed in the pressure cooker. When ready to cook close the cooker, bring to 15 lbs. pressure and process 20 min. If desired, the preliminary preparation can be done the day before and the pressuring just before the meal is served.

#### Swiss-Fried Potatoes

Boil or pressure cook 6 good-sized white potatoes. When done, peel and while still warm slice in bits; or better chip on a coarse grater. Melt enough margarine in a heavy frying pan to barely cover the bottom. Do not let it brown. Put in the potatoes, making a thin layer. Dust with a little salt and pepper; brown on the bottom. Fold over omelet fashion; serve very hot.

#### Molasses Crunch

Combine 1/2 c. molasses, 1/4 c. sugar and 1/2 tsp. salt in a small

sauce pan. Boil 10 min. or until a few drops form a hard ball in cold water. Add 1/2 tsp. butter or margarine and stir until entirely melted. Then lightly stir into 6 cups crisp corn flakes mixed with 1/3 c. roasted halved peanuts. Cool and use as a garnish for ice cream; or while still warm, shape with the hands into small balls to serve with ice cream or fruit, or to enjoy as a confection.

#### Tomorrow's Dinner

Grape Fruit Juice  
Broiled Fish  
Potatoes with Egg Cream Sauce  
Bran Muffins  
Swiss Chard or Spinach  
Vanilla Pudding with  
Chilled Stewed Prunes  
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea  
Milk (Children)

Potatoes with Egg Cream Sauce  
Select medium-sized potatoes and boil or pressure-cook with the skins on. Meantime make plenty of egg cream sauce. Pour boiling hot over the hot potatoes; dust with paprika, garnish with parsley and serve at once.

#### Egg Cream Sauce

Melt 2 tbsp. butter or margarine; stir in 2 tbsp. flour. Do not let this brown. Then gradually stir in 2 c. whole milk and cook and stir until boiling. Add 1/2 tsp. salt, a few grains white pepper, 1/2 tsp. minced parsley and 2 coarse-chopped hard-cooked eggs.

Purchase 2 lbs. Swiss chard. Separate the tops from the stalks, and wash both thoroughly in cold water. Place the tops in a utensil; dust with salt, add 1/4 c. water, cover and steam tender about 35 min. Or pressure cook 3 min. at 15 lbs. Chop and add 1 tsp. butter or margarine. Season to taste.

Meantime cut the stalks in inch dice. Place in a utensil, dust with 1/2 tsp. salt, add 1/4 c. water, cover closely and steam tender, or pressure cook separately 4 min. at 15 lbs. Season with 1 tsp. butter and a little pepper.

Serve as follows: Pile the chopped chard in a mound in a shallow vegetable dish and surround with the diced stalks.

#### Trick of the Chef

To make quick herb butter sauce to serve with broiled fish, melt 8 tbsp. butter or margarine; add 1/2 tsp. each chopped parsley and chopped chives, and 1 tsp. chopped fresh dill or tarragon.

### Around The Town

—with Mercia Hillaly

BY far the largest audience turned up yesterday at the YWCA to hear Mrs. H. H. Findley Gourlie talk about this and that. Mostly About Christmas. This was the last in a series of talks given on home and flower decorations which have proved so very popular.

A wizard with odds and ends, Mrs. Gourlie demonstrated one novel idea after another, leaving her audience gasping with admiration or nodding with approval at her ingenuity.

Among the many demonstrations, ladies were shown how to decorate a Christmas tree (she brought a complete one with her), how to make wreaths and garlands, ways of pronouncing the table for Christmas and New Year parties, and how to give that personal touch to Christmas gifts.

Her Christmas tree, touched up with silver paint, was really effective. She explained that most of the items used were made by herself with odd mirrors, paper doilies, bits of cellophane and strips of crepe paper, shirred and twisted to make garlands.

Another clever arrangement, designed to cover an ugly light bracket on the wall and to fit in with the Christmas spirit, was arranged in the form of a shrine, complete with an ivory madonna and red candles on an attractive base of gold-painted leaves.

A bottle of Scotch arranged in a wicker basket "especially for your Scotch friends" amused everyone. "Make these as personal as you can," Mrs. Gourlie said, "for they are very sentimental people."

But the latest gift was a tiny wicker pram filled with flowers to follow up the story's arrival.

Our return to cooler weather earlier than usual this year affects tennis enthusiasts rather badly, especially the "working classes," although the clubs are full of people having a knock around during the half hour or so at dusk. But there are others who say there's nothing like a good game before breakfast.

### Indispensable Boxer



David Bellay

By PRUNELLA WOOD

GOOD looking, light beige suede, wool coat for all casual purposes is shown here, a coat with a flare but no dipping back hemline, with a collar but no lapels, or buttons, and with a tricky pair of pockets which are called ring-side puglist pockets. This new-fashioned homebody reporter would not know why... but considers them efficient and dashing to look at.

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### The Trap Is Baited



By Fred Harman



### How To Acquire A New Figure



The New Figure requires more than just a new dress!

By Lols Leeds

If you are not resisting fashion and the new changes now in vogue then you must do something about remodelling your figure as well as your clothes.

Your bosom needs lifting through exercises to strengthen the supporting muscles, and through acquiring proper posture. Also, a well fitted

bra will do wonders in giving you that "lifted look".

You should also look into the possibilities of the waist minimizers. You can get the effect of a smaller waist. Of course exercise and proper diet will reduce your waist but it takes effort, will power and time.

The longer hemline requires more grace in walking and better carriage. If you purchase a dress or suit in the new fashion you should consider the complete silhouette, from head to toe.

Your hat should be in balance as well as in the same general style. Ankle strap sandals look wonderful with the ballerina skirt but not so good with a slim longer skirt.

Even your jewellery should be selected to go with the entire ensemble. That's important and, of course, rhinestones and pearls are having a revival.

Short and neat hairdos are very much a part of the new fashions and look "right" with the small, snug, hats, coats and heels. So before you decide to get one new thing, consider the fact that you must co-ordinate everything, from head to toe. And that includes, of course, the new "fragile" look in your makeup!

### Needlepoint Upholstery For The Home

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

NEW YORK—Austrian-born Mrs. Ida Jolles has some strikingly modern impressionistic designs for needlepoint chair upholstery which she hopes will lift needlepoint out of the tapestry niche and put it into modern American homes.

"Old, heavy needlepoint colours and patterns don't fit into modern settings," she claims. "But needlepoint in modern version on light wood is gorgeous—nothing can compare."

Mrs. Jolles once employed 20,000 Austrians in her needlework business in that country. There she says women grow up knowing how to do intricate needlepoint tapestries. But she believes American women haven't the patience or the incentive to complete one of the old-fashioned tapestry patterns.

#### Surrealistic

"It's boring just to fill in the background colour on a piece of needlepoint," the charming, white-haired expert said in her New York showroom. As she talked she was seated in a chair upholstered in one of her new designs. It was a sort of surrealist impression of a golf game, taken from her "hobby series." An irregular splash of vivid green was centred in a creamy background, and superimposed on it were golf balls, tees, a humorous flag marking the famous "19th hole," and a cocktail glass complete with an olive in the bottom.

"My new method of stamping the design right on the canvas and including matching colours of yarn in the complete package makes it possible for a woman to work in the design as well as the background," she explained.

The upholstery pieces are rather complicated for a beginner, so as a sort of feeler Mrs. Jolles' factory has been turning out jewellery boxes, scuff bedroom slippers, vanity cases and other useful but small feminine items to be worked in needlepoint. The upholstery will go on the market in a few months.

#### Been To Shanghai

Mrs. Jolles fled Austria when Hitler invaded, and later fled Belgium for the same reason. Her next stop was Shanghai, where she set up a needlework shop with Chinese women employees. The first Chinese words she learned were, "please do it my way." But before the Oriental women could learn, Pearl Harbour forced her to close that workshop.

To talk to her now you would have no idea that she had fled almost around the world to start her life anew. Only an occasional flash of sadness in her sparkling eyes when she speaks of her former home in Vienna give her away.

The rest of the time she's vitally interested in her new project.

"It's great fun to teach American women the art of beautiful needlepoint," she said enthusiastically. "In Austria the women already know everything about it. But here, in America, I have a field as wide open as the world."

### Mint Frappe For Tired Skin



It's a Mint Frappe for the tired, relaxed skin. Crush some ice and pour over the ice a teaspoonful of peppermint oil. Apply the crushed ice to the face and throat while lying down. Lay a soft cloth over the ice. Relax, breathe deeply. You will look beautiful!

#### SO THEY SAY

THE reason most of us are not physically fit is that we are too lazy to take care of ourselves.

—President Truman.

LIFE is easier to take than you'd think. All that is necessary is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable and bear the intolerable.

—Kathleen Norris, novelist.

CHILDREN cannot be expected to behave like human beings. If they are housed like animals.

—Milo Kottainen, assistant chief of Finland's Bureau of Child Protection blaming juvenile delinquency on bad housing.

### Rupert & Mr Punch—33

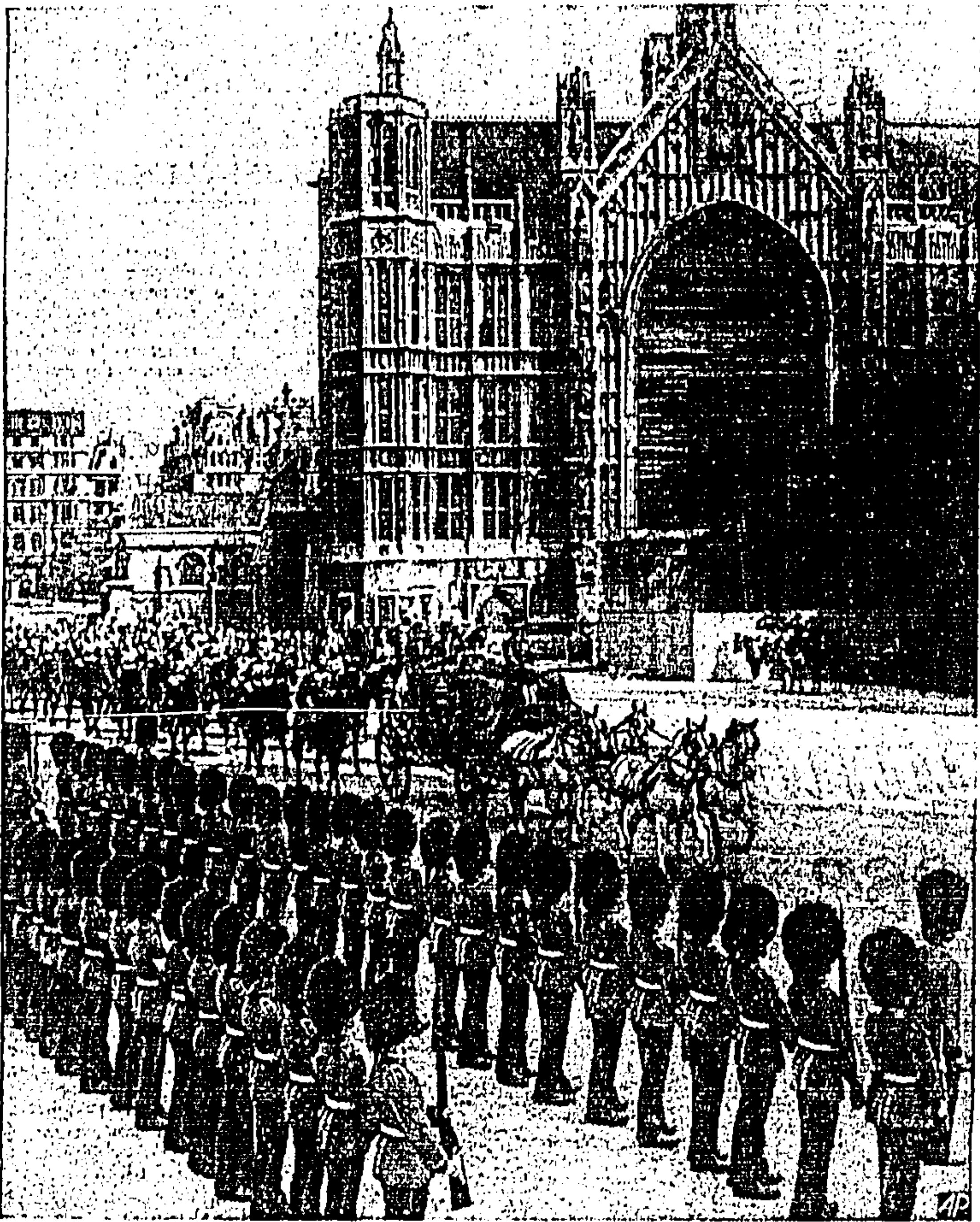


While the others listen expectantly, Rupert thinks hard. "My new hammock, that's the thing," he says mysteriously. "I say, have you any wooden poles in this cave?" "Yes, lots of wood of all sorts gets washed up here," replies Mr. Punch. "But why do you ask that? Do tell us what your idea is." "I'll show you in a minute," says Rupert, who is now very excited. First he asks the clown to get the tiny boat from its hiding place, then he sends him for the two planks tied together.

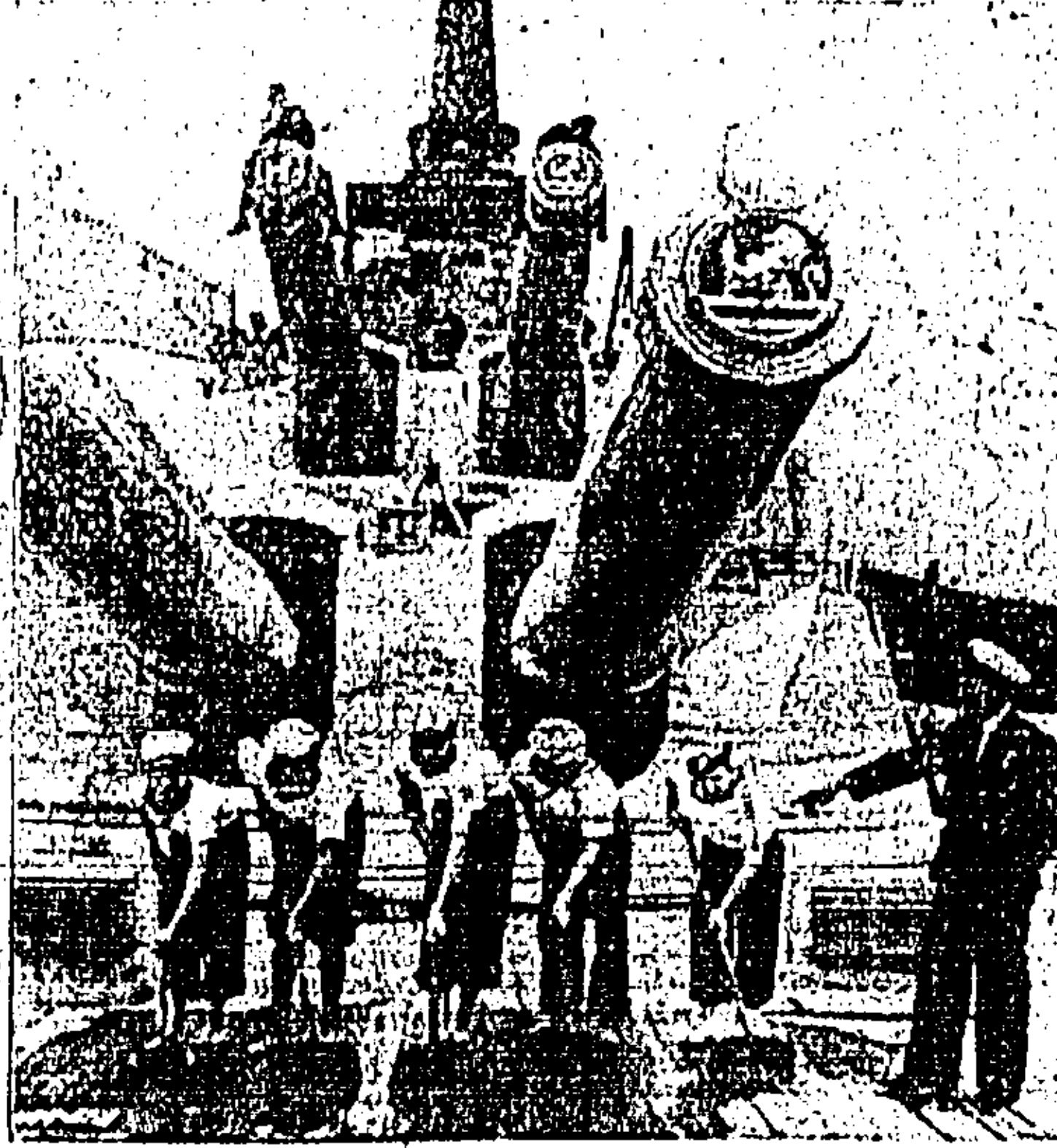
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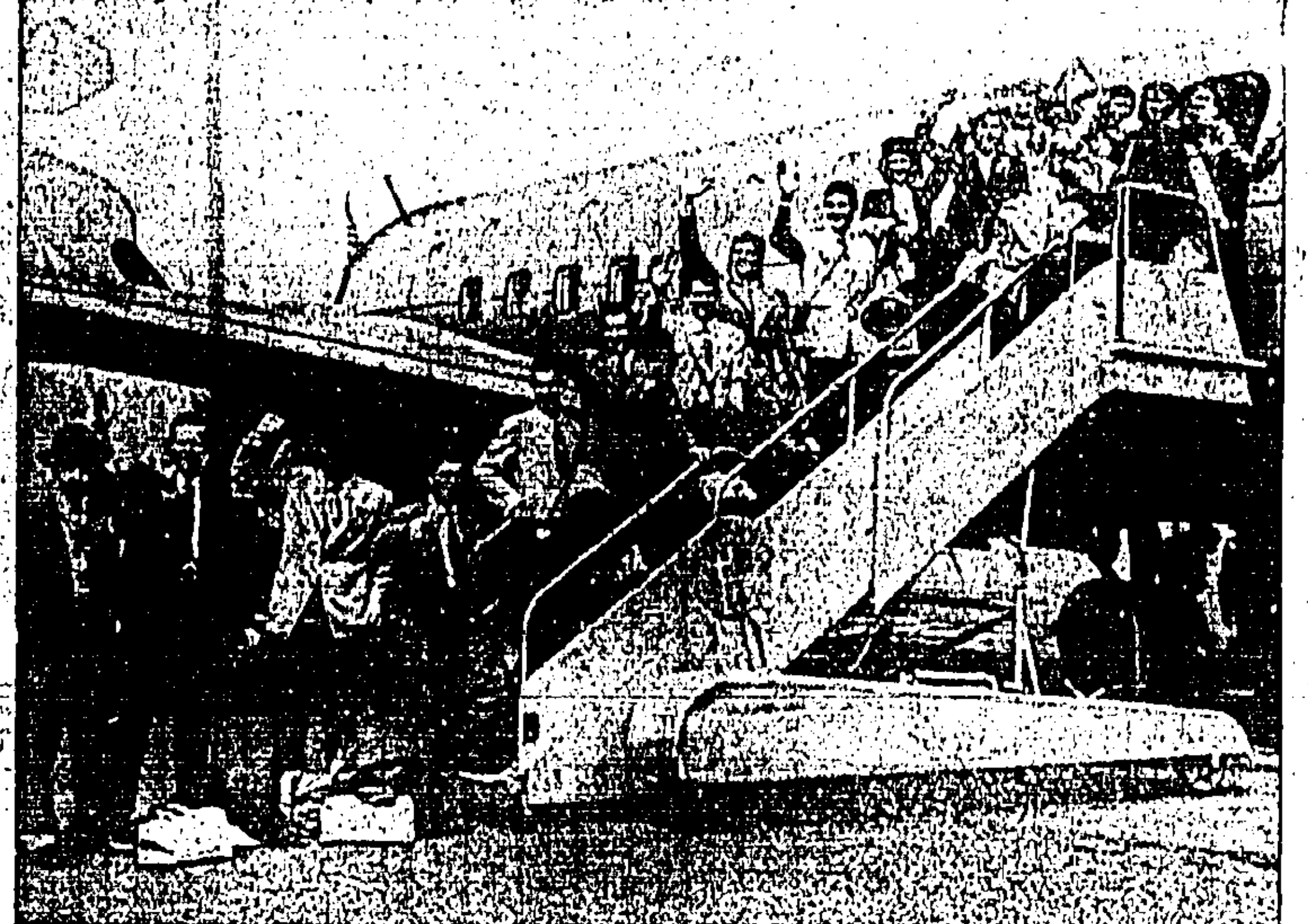
## WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**PARLIAMENT OPENS**—The Royal coach and four, carrying Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth, passes Guards presenting arms on the way to the opening of Parliament last week.



**FIT FOR A KING**—The battleship HMS Vanguard has gone on a shakedown cruise to Gibraltar and Malta. The ship, which took the Royal Family to South Africa, will carry the King and Queen and Princess Margaret to Australia and New Zealand next year.



**TEEN-AGE AMBASSADORS**—Sixteen American students in their teens line up to wave goodbye at the international airport in New York just before flying to Denmark, Finland and Sweden for six weeks. Sponsored by the Metropolitan School Study Council, they will live in private homes as part of a goodwill mission.



**GUERRILLA FORCES**—Israeli soldiers carry out arms and ammunition at Irgun Zvai Leumi headquarters in Jerusalem. Members of the disbanded group of military age will join the Israeli Army.



**CLOCK WATCHER**—Model Gregg Sherwood looks over her unique "watch" wardrobe. The designs are equipped with the same material as the garment to be worn. The watch at the top has a mink strap.



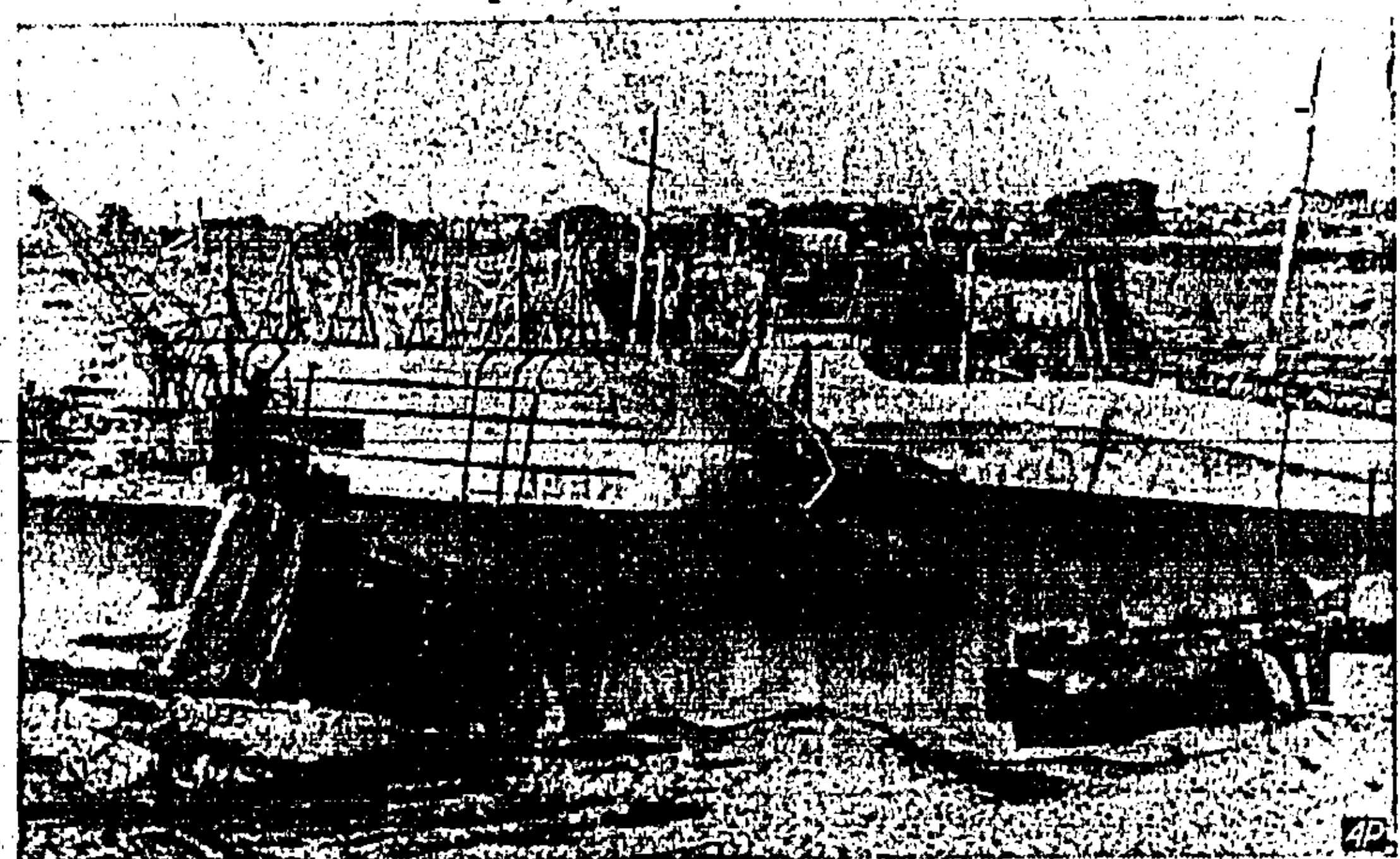
**GOOD FORM**—Leslie Brooks of the films shows how handy a bathing suit is, even on a mountain top, when there's a photographer around.



**FARMER-PRESIDENT**—Carlos Prio Socarras, 45, new President of Cuba, is right at home when he retreats from affairs of state to his farm near Havana. Right: He demonstrates his skill with a tractor. Left: He has a cup of coffee.



**SCIENTIST**—Dr. Karl T. Compton, former Massachusetts Institute of Technology president, is the new chairman of the Research and Development Board of the U. S. National Military Establishments. He succeeds Dr. Vannevar Bush.



**ST NAZAIRE CLEAN-UP**—Three years after the war, the French are still clearing away the ships which the Germans sank at the mouth of the Loire River while defending the St Nazaire pocket. Salvage workers dammed off part of the river, drained the enclosed area and are now working with cranes to right the vessels. In the background is the city of Nantes.

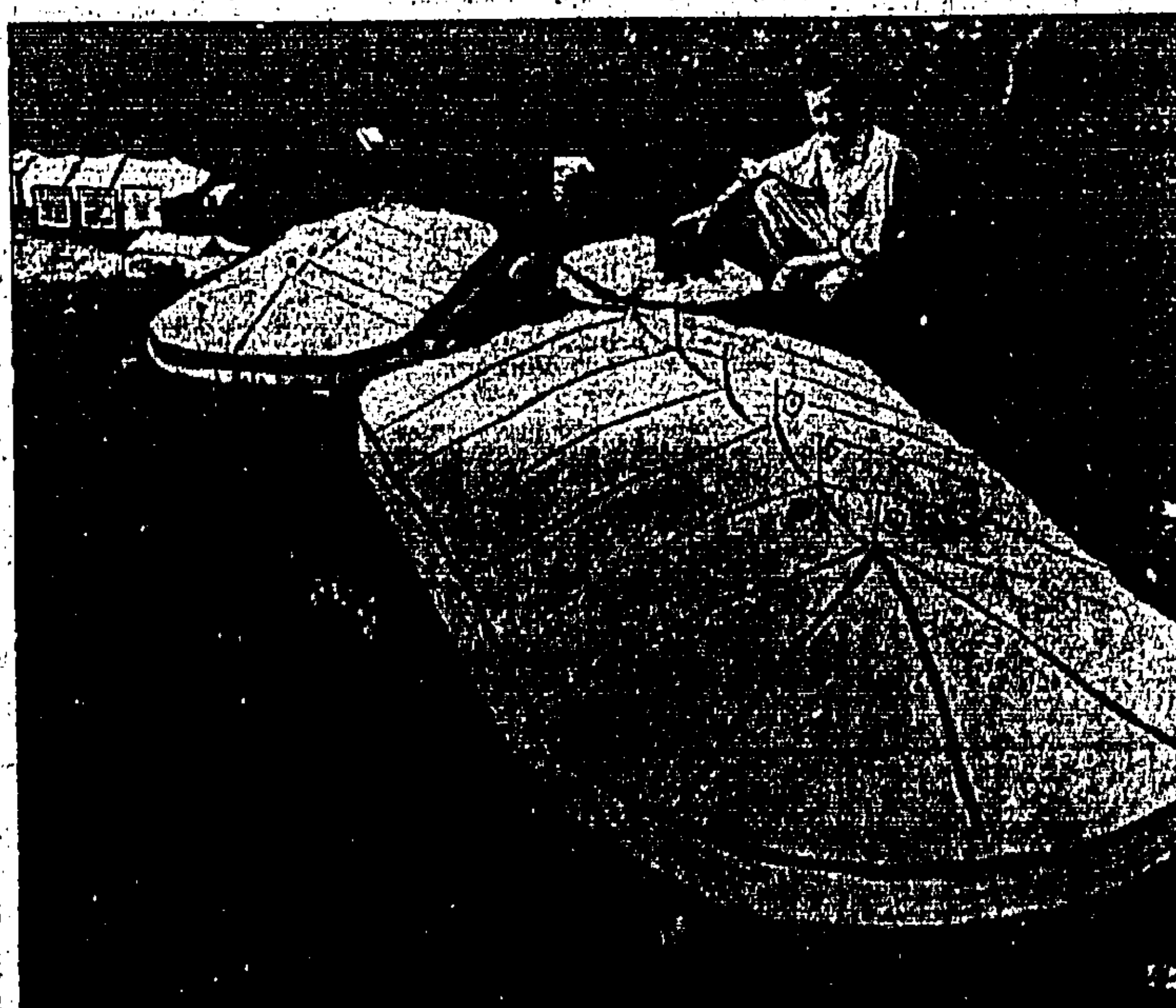


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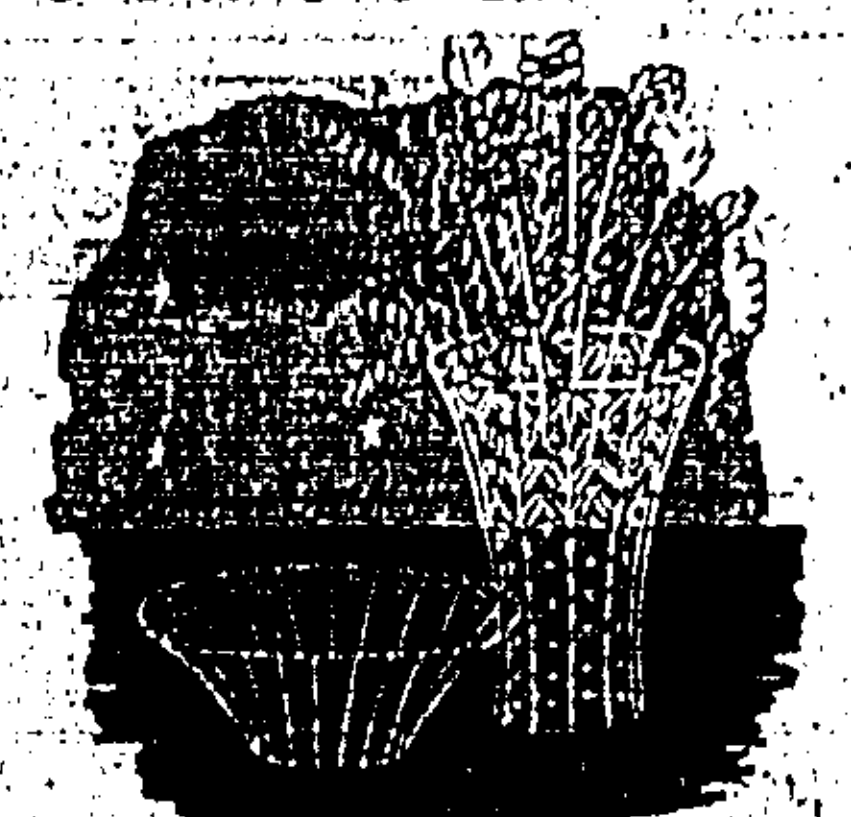
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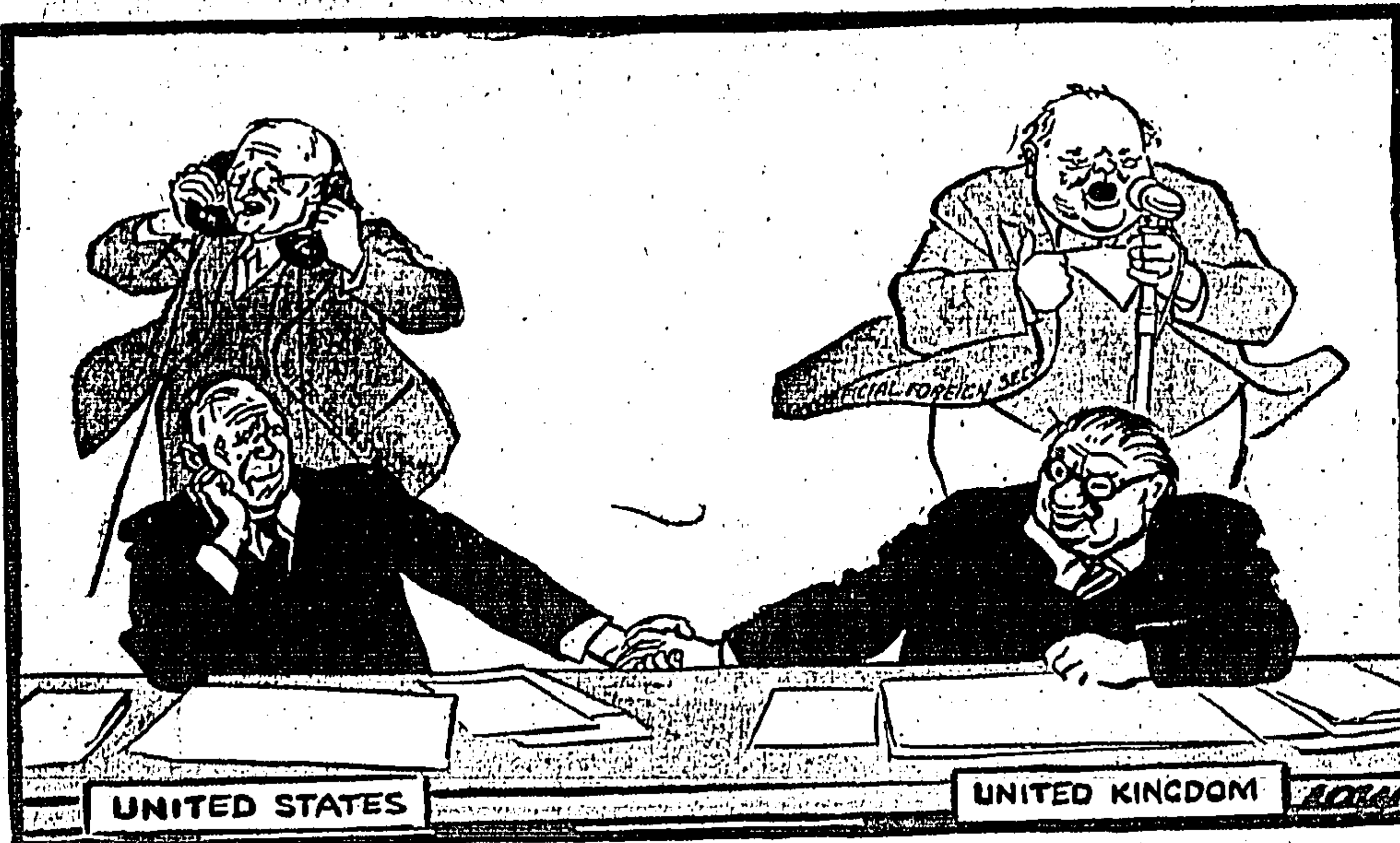
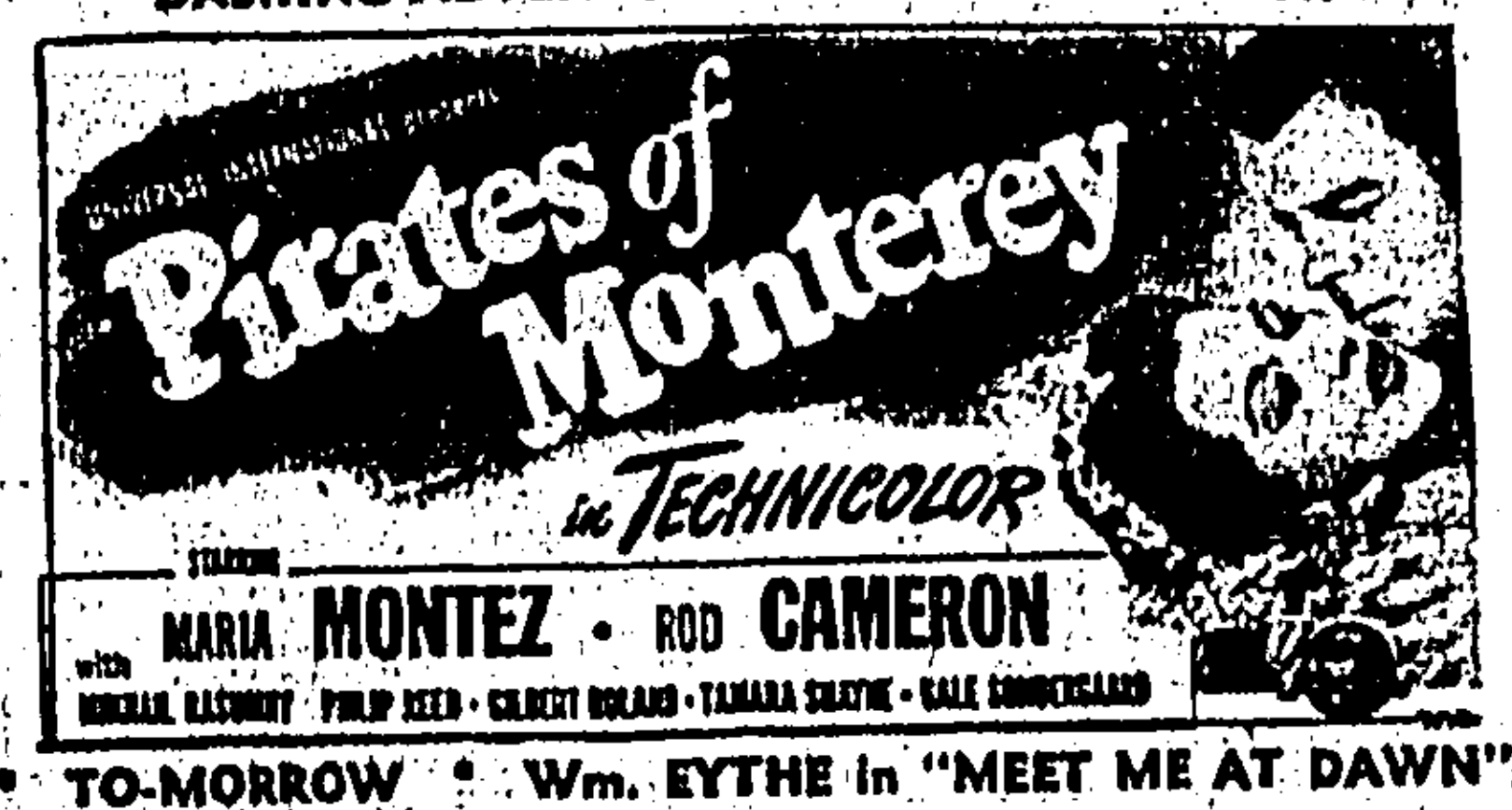
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**JAMES  
CAMERON**  
continues his report on  
out-of-the-way Empire

NASSAU.  
As usual, I am spending a  
troublesome evening with  
the flighty young thing  
who shares my room here in  
Nassau.

She behaves like all the  
other 19 million mosquitoes in  
town; observes the visitor from  
afar, bears down on him with  
a shrill and musical cry, and  
proceeds to feed hungrily on  
his substance—an operation in  
the true tradition of the Baha-  
mas.

There is competition for the  
one off-season stranger, adrift  
forlornly in the millionaires'  
playground of Nassau in the  
hot and strictly unfashionable  
month. My mosquito, accus-  
tomed to richer and bluer blood,  
seems to inquire: Who is the  
sucker, you or me?

The Bahamas, on the edge of  
the season, tooling up for the  
winter invasion of the master-  
race, will pretty certainly have  
a good year, since the rest of  
the world expects a bad one.

The show is in rehearsal—  
the batteries of monstrous  
empty hotels, the glistening,  
deserted beaches, the gay, fold-  
ed sunshades, the hibernating  
barmen, not quite ready yet  
with their bonhomie and  
bacardi.

#### THE EVIDENCE

THE Union Jack floats against  
the vivid sky in a casual,  
colonial gesture, to suggest  
that, in spite of every visible  
evidence, this is British terri-  
tory.

But you will get your hotel  
bill marked up in dollars, your  
taximan will charge in dollars,  
the Shetland scarves and  
Faisley ties in the Olde Eng-  
lish Gifta Shoppes will be  
priced in dollars, when priced  
at all and not left to someone's  
shrewd assessment of how  
much you are able to pay.

Only at the sound of your  
quaint foreign English accent  
will the matter be translated,  
reluctantly, at five to the  
pound.

Nassau knows its business,  
and its business is with the  
United States, less than an hour  
away. And since dollars are  
the thing today, I do not see  
how one can find fault with  
that.

A country whose only ex-  
ports are sunshine, sand, and a  
warm, iridescent sea can afford  
to idle gently nine months of  
the year for the sake of a  
glorious, grab-worthy harvest  
from three months of opulent  
tourism. But can it?

For generations the Baha-  
mas, that lovely Caribbean  
cluster ("Island Paradise" is  
the trade name), has contrived  
a fat living from what I will  
call a wholly opportunistic  
economy. Unkind people call  
it the mug market.

#### FROM PIRACY

GEOGRAPHY is all. A situa-  
tion that gave it a firm  
business start as a pirate nest  
for the buccaners preying on  
shipping in the Florida Pass-  
age, rocks and shoals on which  
prospered the wreckers, on  
whose initiative and enterprise  
so many of the Nassau fortunes  
are now built.

And after the wreckers, the  
happy arrival of Prohibition in  
America and the chance to be-  
come the bootleg base and rum-  
running H.Q., and when that  
was gone—why, there came a  
world war to encourage air  
bases and all the concomitant  
pickings.

Nassau knows that whatever hap-  
pens to the world, fortune or  
failure, it means an honest-buck  
for the Bahamas. When business  
booms so does the tourist trade.  
When slumps loom, what better  
sanctuary for the tired business  
man than a colony where there is  
not a penny of income tax, where  
death duties are only two percent,  
and discrepancies in company law  
simplify life for the enterprising?

It is all very well to moralise  
on this somewhat irresponsible  
prosperity; the fact is obvious that  
if earning dollars within the Empire  
is a good thing, then the Bahamas is  
an essential industry. Nobody, at  
this stage, can really complain of a  
snack-the-rich policy, especially if  
the rich come from Pittsburgh and  
the snacking is done so urbanely.

The victims goodness knows,  
come willingly enough. Their room  
may cost them \$12 a day, but, by  
and large, they get a sort of value  
for their money, by their standards,  
right now, an old company is

and the Bahamas Government  
generously allows them to pay in  
dollar cash.

Very soon, too, it will be possible  
to do a little soaking of the not-so-  
rich, with the extraordinary eruption  
of a mighty Butlin holiday  
camp on the Grand Bahama,  
designed for the American "middle  
income bracket."

The stately birds of passage, with  
their \$50,000 Sea View villas, may  
win a bit, but, nevertheless, the  
British Treasury has authorised the  
spending of \$2,000,000 on the en-  
terprise; the first thousand beds  
should be ready in 18 months for  
the job of ensnaring even more Ameri-  
cans out of their dollars.

I flew out to the site on Grand  
Bahama, a barren, scrubby waste  
just 60 miles off the Florida coast,  
soon to be laid out with pools and  
palm courts, movie houses and Rus-  
tic English Pubs, air-conditioning,  
and a 12-hour bill of organised hi-  
de-ho.

On the tottering jetty sat a stout  
old Bahamian lady, in a faded  
Mother Hubbard, fishing vaguely in  
the opalescent sea.

She said: "They done say folks  
comin' out here, abuildin' houses.  
My, my, I sure glad to see 'em  
comin'." I sure be glad to see  
them, too, but I sure be glad to see  
them supply boat come in, too, him  
supposed be bringin' flour, and us  
ain't seen none past week. I just  
fishin' for my supper, boss."

#### A SILLY LIFE

THE BAHAMAS, they say, has  
everything—the sun, the sea, the  
food and drink, the fishing, the  
company of one's better. But  
nothing—since the sponge trade  
was killed by disease in 1938—that could  
be called a productive economy, no  
firm basis of security or dignity for  
the 700,000 Bahamians, who live a  
silly, superficial life because there  
is no other.

That thin soil supports no real  
penantry. The process of but life  
land has driven farmers to work  
land further and further from their  
homes—in one Out Land, an entire  
village walks 25 miles every Sunday  
night to its farms, spends the week  
in lean-to's, and trudges back home  
in time for church.

No indigenous native industry, no  
crafts but tourist crafts. Seasonal  
hotel labour produces indolence and  
avarice.

The hotels gleam at the beach's  
edge, the merchants of Bay Street,  
the Wall Street of Nassau, manipu-  
late the financial strings with rare  
skill; but behind the villas are  
shanty towns as squalid and dispiri-  
ng as any in the Colonies.

Do not imagine Nassau complains;  
there is no depression in this  
house (I am talking, of course, of  
the "Right Houses," American  
capital has started many enterprises  
out here—a big poultry industry  
here, a salt business there; and,  
right now, an old company is

## MRS OKSANA KASENKINA'S OWN STORY

### FINAL INSTALMENT

In her final article, Mrs Kasenkina reveals  
the story of the efforts of Soviet repre-  
sentatives to retain control over her after her  
leap to freedom and how these moves  
were frustrated by American officials at her  
request. She quotes from letters and de-  
clares her new life to the cause of freedom.

I leaped in terror to a stone-hard pavement,  
but found myself in the warm embraces of  
the American people.

In the Roosevelt Hospital I at last discovered  
the America which had eluded me during more  
than two years of my quest as a teacher in the  
Soviet service.

I have discovered that there is no better  
way to gauge the temper of a country, the  
standard of its living and its social progress  
than by being a patient in one  
of its hospitals.

I wonder how many of the thou-  
sands of distinguished foreigners  
who have visited Soviet Russia  
have had such an opportunity  
to observe the true condition of  
the masses there. From all I know  
very few of them had ever  
seen Soviet life from a hospital cot.  
If they had, they would have  
caught a glimpse of the lower  
depths in which the people were  
plunged by the Soviet experiment.

#### IN HOSPITAL

WHEN I begged the police in the  
courtyard of the Consulate, where  
I was lying in a heap, to be taken  
to an American hospital, I feared  
that my captors would try to defy  
the American authorities and detain  
me in a critical condition under  
their roof.

Even before the ambulance took  
me to the hospital, I had made it  
clear that I did not want to be left  
in Soviet hands. The Consulate  
and their aides could not have mistaken  
my express wishes in this regard.

Yet no sooner was I installed in  
a room, under the protection of  
the police who saved me, than my  
newly-won freedom, Lomakin and  
Cherupnykh, had the audacity to  
appear in the corridor outside my  
door and claim jurisdiction over me.

I informed the police that I did  
not want to have anything to do  
with the Soviet officials, that they  
had kept me in the Consulate  
against my will, and that I had  
jumped to escape from them. Only  
later did I learn that Lomakin  
sought to have the room across  
the hall from me set aside for  
Soviet "protections," ostensibly to  
help me. The American authorities  
respected my wishes and turned  
down the request. I doubt if I  
could have survived a second siege.

#### NOT WELCOME

SO anxious were my Soviet masters  
to lay their hands on me  
that they returned the following  
morning and were allowed to see  
me. I beheld Cherupnykh and one  
of the Consulate women at my  
bedside, and immediately made it  
clear that they were not welcome.

When Cherupnykh asked me if  
I desired to be moved to another  
hospital, I quickly perceived his  
design, and answered emphatically,  
"No." To indicate that I did not  
want him to stay any longer, I shut  
my eyes and declared:

"You held me prisoner, and  
wouldn't let me out. I don't want  
to see any of you."

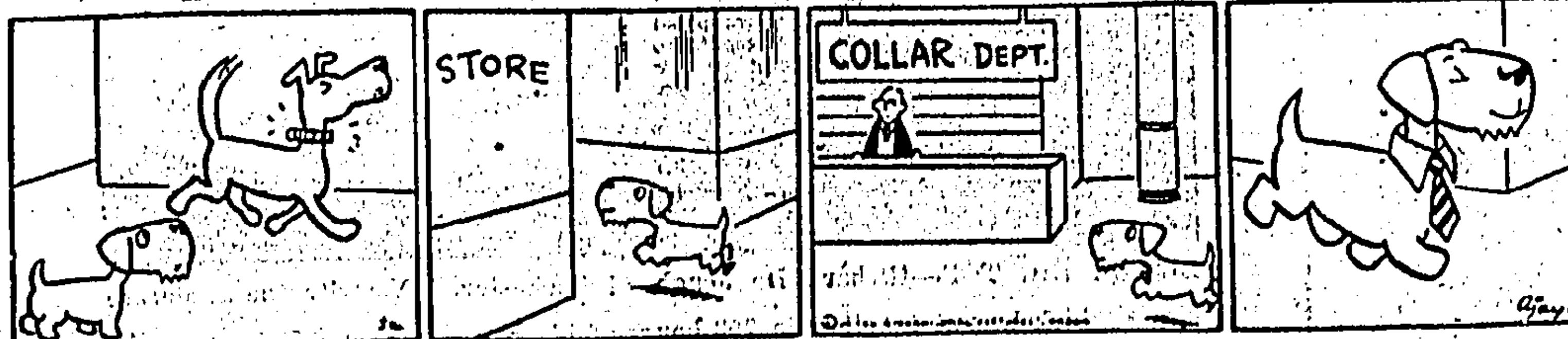
This is the last I ever saw of  
the Soviet rulers under whom I  
had lived and suffered for over  
thirty years. My conscience was  
clear. I had served my people  
loyally as a teacher through the  
time of agony. I had discharged  
my duty with a vengeance to the  
insatiable Soviet regime, having  
sacrificed my innocent husband to  
its lust for power and my only son  
to its inhuman system.

#### THE NEW WORLD

BEFORE God, I felt fully entitled  
to live my own free life from  
now on. The new world which had  
opened up before me was, to me,  
another planet. From the police-  
chiefs to the detectives and inter-  
preters around me, from the chief  
surgeon, Dr Pennoyer, to the in-  
fermes and nurses tending me, and  
from the hundreds of inspiring  
letters which have reached me,  
there came to me a realization that  
America is not only a land of  
freedom, but also a land of human  
love.

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#### THE ADVENTURES OF FIDO





# THIS MORNING'S EVIDENCE IN THE WING ON FIRE INQUIRY

## Premises Inspected In May Last

Evidence of inspection of the premises was given by a Health Inspector at the resumed hearing of the Wing On Company Godown fire before the Commission of Inquiry at the Supreme Court this morning. Mr Justice Reynolds is Chairman and the members are the Hon. N. O. C. Marsh, Mr Kwok Chan, Mr A. E. Lissaman and Mr Li Min-nung with Mr T. D. Sorby as Secretary. Insp. A. Shaw is for the Police.

Cheung Tai-kit, health inspector of the Sanitary Department, gave evidence that he inspected the premises belonging to the Wing On Company in Des Voeux Road on May 31 this year. The godowns were locked and so he only inspected the upper tenement floors. The inspection was made at 10 a.m.

The Chairman: At that time can you tell us how many persons there were on these floors roughly?—Roughly about fourteen persons on each floor.

It would be part of your duty as a health inspector to take note of the number of occupants so that you could report if the premises were overcrowded, would that not be so?—Yes.

From that point of view did you notice how many persons there were in each of these flats. Can you give an approximate figure, of course, there would be persons absent who were out at work.—About fourteen.

**FIRE ESCAPES COVERED**

Did you notice if there were any obstructions to the iron fire escapes on the verandahs?—I noticed that some of the fire escapes were blocked by something of a very temporary nature, I refer to covers over the tops.

Besides those did you notice anything else blocking these escapes like household goods. Can you remember seeing anything on top of the covers of the escapes. Did you notice if they were clear or if there was any impediment to them?—Some of them were covered but not all of them.

Did you notice whether these escapes could be used by persons if necessary. Were they in working order?—Some of them were.

And some of them were not, so you mean?—Yes.

What would prevent them being used as fire escapes?—Because some of them were obstructed by household goods which were on the steps. I did not notice that some of the fire escapes were missing.

In that part of your duty to take note of the fire escapes and such matters?—Yes.

**TOLD THE TENANTS**

If the escapes were defective you would not consider it your duty to report it to your superior?—No.

And if you did notice that an escape could not be used in an emergency, would you report it?—In that case, I would report to my senior.

Why did you not make any report?—I did tell the tenants of the floor to remove all the obstructions. You thought that by telling the tenants themselves you could have the matter put right?—Yes.

You told the tenants themselves about seeing that these obstructions were removed?—I left it to them to remove.

How often is it that you inspect these premises?—About once every six months.

When you made your inspection did you receive any complaints from the tenants about anything?—No, no complaints at all.

And if there was anything to complain about would you expect them to complain to you?—They can either complain to me or they can write a letter and the matter will be dealt with immediately.

What part of these tenements did you inspect?—The whole of them.

**EVERYTHING IN ORDER**

Replying further, witness said that he thought the iron grille in the scavenging lane should be left open all the time from a health point of view to enable sanitary coolies to gain access.

The Chairman: Did you inspect the kitchen?—Yes.

And did you find everything was in order?—Yes.

And from the point of view of danger of fire did these kitchens appear to be used properly, was there any carelessness which might have led to the danger of fire?—It is usual when we inspect kitchens to see if there are any defective gratings.

Did you find anything wrong in any of these kitchens?—No.

If you found anything which you thought might result in fire that would also come within your province.—That would not come within my province.

**NO CRACKS IN FLOOR**

If you found defective floors which might lead to fire spreading would that not be in your province?—Well, in that case, it would.

Did you notice in your inspection any cracks in any of the kitchen floors?—No.

You would have noticed them if there had been any?—Yes.

J. Hooper, Superintendent of Sanitary Services, next gave evidence.

The Chairman: When a health inspector makes an inspection does

he report to you?—No. He reports to his immediate superior, the senior inspector.

Replying to a question regarding requirements of the Fire Brigade, witness said there was a course laid down in the Sanitation Ordinance Section 17, sub-section 20.

Mr Hooper added that very rarely were reports made to him as each district in the Colony was grouped under health inspectors.

**MINUTES THE PWD**

The Chairman: If some serious matter were discovered by an inspector on his inspection you say he would refer it to his senior inspector—He makes a note of any serious structural defect and when the inspector returns to the office it usually becomes the subject matter of a minute to the Public Works Department.

Replying to a question as to whether or not it was the duty of a health inspector to observe whether proper fire precautions were being taken, witness stated that none of the health inspectors was trained in fire precautions.

The Chairman: They have not any special training which would enable them to detect fire dangers which would not be apparent to the ordinary person?—No. The Department always refers to the Fire Brigade for their advice.

The Chairman: Did you superintend any inspections yourself?—Very, very rarely. In my 20 years I cannot remember inspecting a building except the Wing On building recently after the fire.

**CASUALTY LIST**

Det. Police Constable 927, Ip Sun, said he was instructed by Det. Inspector Shaw to interview the survivors and ascertain the number of persons occupying the premises before the outbreak of fire. He learned from his enquiries that the number totalled 394 from all the 36 flats.

Det. Sub-Inspector A. Shaw corroborated the instructions he had given Ip, and said he prepared a list of the dead and missing. Eighteen persons had died in hospital, 23 bodies were identified at the mortuary, while unidentified bodies recovered from the ruins of the building totalled 94, comprising 80 adults and 10 children. Missing persons numbered 155, including 120 adults and 35 children. The dead taken from the burned building were checked by Det. Police Constable 742 Chan Wing, who was working in conjunction with Sanitary coolies.

Inspector Shaw said that a considerable quantity of bones and ashes was found in the building, and he took them to be the remains of the persons unaccounted for.

Several efforts were made by the Police to trace the missing. Notices were inserted in the newspapers calling on the missing persons to report themselves, but there had been no response. He therefore came to the conclusion that his total of 155 persons missing was accurate.

Senior Health Inspector A.W.T. White said he supervised the removal of the bodies from the scene of fire on September 23. As the bodies were brought down the stairs of the building by Sanitary coolies, they were checked by the Police and the coolies informed the Police where they found the bodies. In a number of cases, there were only arms and legs, and in other cases only charred torsos. It could be distinguished whether the bodies were those of males or females, but it was not possible to distinguish their features sufficiently to identify them. The bodies were removed to the mortuary.

**SECOND PHASE**

The second phase of the inquiry into the outbreak of the fire and the action taken—then opened.

Police Corporal 760, Ng Yu, said he was on street patrol between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. on September 22. Shortly after 4 a.m. he was standing at the junction of Des Voeux Road West and Water Street. At about 6.05 a.m. he heard the sound of an explosion from the west and saw a red glow of fire covering the roadway in front of the Wing On godowns which were about 150 yards away from him. He blew his police whistle and when Constable 1803 arrived he instructed the latter to telephone the Police Station.

He then tried to maintain order in the area. He saw a number of inmates of the tenement building on the roof and making as if they were

about to jump into the street. He told them not to do so.

About five minutes later Police reinforcements arrived from Western Station, and about four minutes after the Fire Brigade came on the scene. He saw the firemen erect the safety ladders against the flaming building and bringing people down from the upper floors.

**DRUMS ACROSS ROAD**

In reply to Mr Evans, witness said he heard no other sound before the sound of the explosion he mentioned. He said there were 20 to 30 drums lying right across the road from the burning building to the Gas Company premises. Two fire engines arrived on the scene from the east, but whether there were any from the west, he could not say.

It. B. Gould, works superintendent of the Gas Company, West Point, informed the Commission that he was residing at the works and his bedroom window overlooked Des Voeux Road West. He had finished his breakfast and the 8 a.m. work bell rang. He walked across to a window overlooking the yard of the gas works to see if the employees had commenced work when he noticed a small flame flicking out under the balcony from the first godown on the left facing the Gas Company. The flame was bright orange in colour and was emerging lazily. It trickled up the balcony and past the front.

"I left my bedroom for the sitting room to call the Fire Brigade," Mr Gould continued. "I had just picked up the telephone when a sheet of flame shot by the window. It was also very bright orange in colour, and this was accompanied by a noise like a very strong wind or rushing water. In this flame appeared to be what seemed like balls of fire. The duration of the flame was about 10 seconds. The nearest electricity supply gave you is that it was like a blow lamp—a jet flame. After 10 seconds, it cleared.

**LORRY ABLAZE**

"I looked out into the yard and saw coolies running and among them was my telephone operator. I went up trying to contact the Fire Brigade, as there was no connection. While looking out into the yard, I saw a large number of small fires inside, and the lorry parked there was blazing merrily.

"As I passed through the sitting room towards the stairs, I noticed that the curtains in the windows were in fire, and I told my servants to put it out. I then dashed off downstairs. I could not get out through the front door because the flames were licking it. I went upstairs again with the intention of getting something to shield my head, and grabbed a raincoat. "On going downstairs, I noticed that the flame had receded to the opposite side of the street, was then going practically vertically up the front of the building. I went into the works yard and grabbed a fire extinguisher and started to fight the flames on the lorry. There were several fires in the street and also in the yard, and the rubber insulation of the telephone wires across the yard was burning. I also heard shouts from the people living in the tenements.

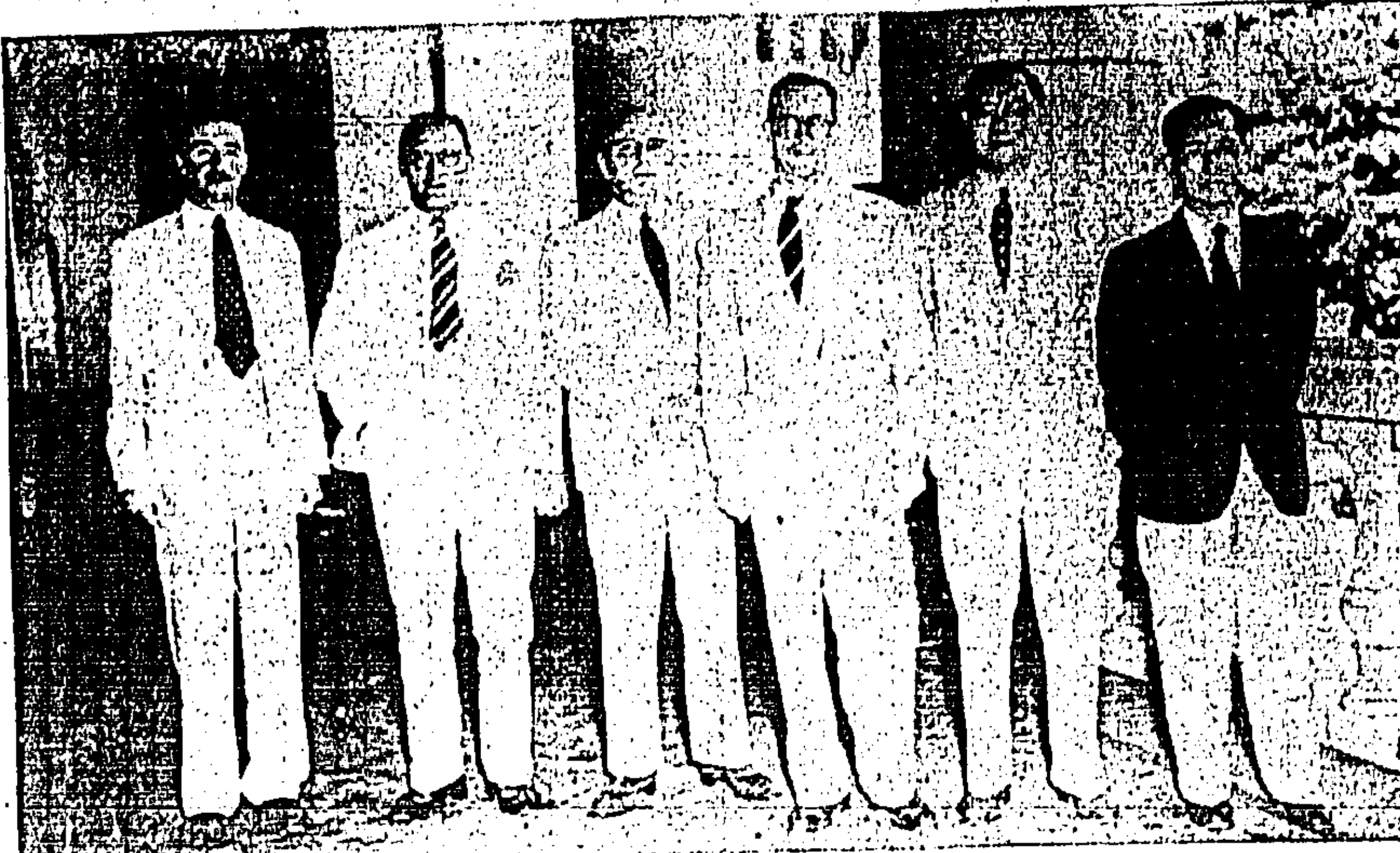
"I was joined by a foreman who also brought a fire extinguisher and by a number of coolies in my efforts to extinguish the flames on the lorry.

**REELS OF CELLULOID**

"Thinking that the fire had been caused by the gasometer being broken, I went into the street to find out. However, it was not so. It appeared to be rubber. There were ten or a dozen boxes blazing in the street. There were also a large number—as many as a hundred—of reels of what appeared to be celluloid also blazing both in the street and inside the works. I called the coolies to get some sand in an attempt to extinguish some of these small fires. I salvaged one of these reels which was not too badly burned and handed it to the Police. It was about nine inches in diameter.

"When the Fire Brigade arrived about 15 minutes after the first sign of fire, I went back upstairs to see whether my servants had succeeded in putting out the fire in my room. I then took other precautions in the works against any further outbreaks of fire."

Questioned by the Chairman, Mr Gould said the colour of the flame he first saw was definitely not a gas flame. The celluloid was burning with an orange flame, and



Members of the Commission appointed to inquire into the Wing On godown fire pose for the camera in front of the Supreme Court. From left to right they are Mr T. D. Sorby (secretary), Mr A. E. Lissaman, Hon. N. O. C. Marsh, Mr Justice Reynolds (chairman), Mr Kwok Chan and Mr Li Min-nung.—Picture by Staff Photographer.

## PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN ELECTION LEAD

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr Dewey was tense but smiling as he returned to Roosevelt Hotel after dinner at the home of an old friend—Roger Straus, with whom he traditionally has dined on election night since he first ran for public office.

In his suite were the telephone machines of press associations, a radio and television set and a number of telephones in communication with Party leaders across the nation.

On the floors below, where Party workers and some 700 newspapermen, photographers and radio reporters gathered, there was an unbearably complicated tangle of radio, television and power lines and bright lights for newsreels and television cameras.

**SPOKESMAN OPTIMISTIC**

The Governor was expected to remain with his family and close associates until the election outcome was decisive, but Herbert Brownell, Jr., Republican National Chairman, issued frequent "communiques" to the press.

Mr Brownell said it was "apparent" the Republicans would sweep two-thirds of the 48 States.

Governor and Mrs Dewey voted at mid-day in the basement of a public school not far from the hotel. They were voters No. 200 and 201.

Mr Dewey, dressed in a double-breasted gray suit and dark blue tie, posed almost ten minutes for photographers before he entered the booth containing the voting machine.—United Press.

**TRUMAN AWAITS VERDICT**

Independence, Missouri, Nov. 2.—President Truman retired into the sanctuary of his big 14-room home here tonight to await the verdict of the nation's voters. Lights were on in most rooms of the house but the shades were drawn.

After attending a luncheon and resting at his home in the afternoon, the President went to Kansas City Club for a Turkish-bath and to relax, according to friends here. He returned to his home for dinner.

While his house was well-lighted, those across the street were ablaze with lights as reporters and workmen awaited on word from behind the drawn shades of the summer White House. There was little, beyond the bright lights of nearby houses, to mark tonight as a special night in the vicinity of Mr Truman's home.

A group of between 20 and 30 persons, part of them teenagers, stood on a nearby street corner, looking in at the White House.

In nearby Kansas City, the lobby of Hotel Muehlenberg was full of people. The lobby was dominated by a big picture of the President, flanked by American flags.—United Press.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PANAMA

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by Capt. A. E. Wilson, ADC, attended a reception held this morning at the Club Lusitano in celebration of the National Day of the Republic of Panama.

The Consul for the Panama and Mrs Eulalia Carerra Loo received the many guests.

A toast to the King was proposed by the Consul and His Excellency replied with a toast to the President of the Republic of Panama.

**Practice Must Stop**

Remarking that the practice of carrying cargo on vessels not licensed to do so had to stop, Mr Calens at the Marine Court this morning imposed a fine of \$50 or 10 days on the master of a fishing junk, who had 12 baskets of vegetables on his boat.

Defendant pleaded he was bringing the goods from Junk Bay to Hongkong for sale as he wished to earn some money.

The rubber was emitting a yellow flame. Asked if he heard an explosion, Gould said he felt the vibration of one and heard the rushing sound. When he saw the drums in the roadway, they were dry. Whether they had been blazing before or not he did not know.

The proceedings are continuing.

## Mrs Kasenkina's Own Story

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I had not, of course, intended by my leap, which was an act of despair, to focus the civilized world's attention upon the plight of my people and the infernal conditions of the hundreds of thousands of DPs who prefer to suffer in freedom than return to our enslaved homeland. As one of them, whom fortune has cast upon the shores of the Argentine—a former high school teacher like myself—writes to me:

"How astonished the world would be if the peoples of Russia also found a window open to them. How many millions would do what you did!"

To date I have received, among the numerous letters from all the corners of the earth, scores from my compatriots in DP camps in Western Germany. Here is one selected at random. In the presence of the nurse and the police interpreter, from the stack. It comes from a camp in the American Zone, written by a man who hails from the Volga, and who with his wife and four children is now a refugee from Soviet bondage:

"The world heard in your cry the stifled cry for help of the entire Russian people. Your leap, which almost cost you your life, was needed to make a breach in the wall of disbelief, to show that the peoples of Russia are one thing and the Soviet-Bolshevik tyranny something else."

"Here in Germany we witnessed how men severed their veins, cut their throats with glass, so as not to go back to Stalin and his mercenaries... In our cheerless, hopeless situation your act came to us like a ray of salvation."

Perhaps my act will help America and the world realise what a treasure the forces of freedom possess in the legions of victims of and refugees from the Soviet despotism.

That this idea is dawning upon people everywhere is shown by a letter from a 17-year-old American student which has reached me just as I was about to conclude the account of my life. He writes:

"Your act has given me a new appreciation of the freedom we enjoy."

To this idea I am prepared to dedicate my second life.

(THE END)

## Army Lorry In Harbour

An army lorry, No. A3718, belonging to 983 Coy, RASC, plunged into the harbour at 9.40 a.m. today at the junction of Connaught Road and Cleverly Street.

The vehicle had just before the accident dropped an NCO of the Inniskillings on coastal duties, at the General Post Office.

Ng Sik-long, the driver, escaped with a ducking, and Tsui Ming, his friend, was taken to hospital suffering from slight shock.

The vehicle was dragged out of the harbour by the REME, and was found to have a damaged radiator and a shattered windscreen.

## OUTWARD MAILS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3  
Closing Times By Air  
Shanghai, Hankow, Hankow, Tsingtau, Peking, Amoy, Taipei and Swallow.

Closing Times By Sea & Train  
Straits and Malaya (sea) 3 p.m.  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
Closing Times By Air

Hankow, 11.30 a.m.  
Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria, Cairo, Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles—via Alexandria.

Rome and London (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.  
(GPO) 5 p.m.  
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Rangoon and Auckland, 5 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea  
Shanghai, Japan, USA, Central and South America via New York (Sea) 3 p.m.

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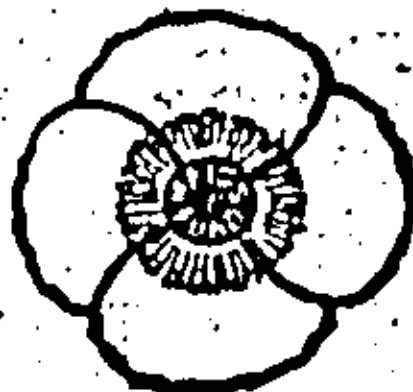
**YWCA Campaign Closing**  
Tomorrow is the closing date of the YWCA campaign for funds and a special meeting of members and friends will be held in the Association's rooms, Duddell Street, at 3.30 p.m.

The meeting will be addressed by Lady Gibson, who will describe the work of the YWCA in Palestine. Tea will be served.

Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Tientsin (Sea) 10 a.m.  
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# REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is dedicated to those in the Services fought so gallantly, and endured so much between 1914/18 and 1939. It is also an occasion when Britons in distant parts of Empire and foreign lands turn their thoughts to the Mother Country and feel that they share that great tradition which she has created and so splendidly maintained throughout the centuries.

It is now more necessary than ever before to secure your generous support for Earl Haig's Fund for the Disabled of the Two World Wars. Their need is great, and the Committee of the British Legion feel that you would wish to be prominently identified in the endeavour to alleviate the distress of so noble a band of physical sufferers.

**Remembrance Day will be celebrated  
on 7th November.**

**Poppies will be sold on Saturday,  
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